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CODING**Dated:** December 30, 2003**OFFICIAL**Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 30, 2003, the Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner to reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** being on page 2 of this Response.**CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

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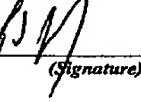
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| Invention: APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF VARIABLE BIT RATE VIDEO CODING   |                                  |                              |                        |
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